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3 By Representative Beech  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 23-FEB-10

8 COMMENDING THE CRAFTING OF JEWELRY FROM THE HISTORIC  
9 SITE OF ST. STEPHENS, ALABAMA'S FIRST TERRITORIAL CAPITAL.

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11 WHEREAS, prior to gaining statehood, Alabama's first  
12 Territorial Capital was St. Stephens, circa 1818; and

13 WHEREAS, the first Governor of Alabama, William  
14 Wyatt Bibb, presided over the first meeting of the Territorial  
15 Legislature in St. Stephens; and

16 WHEREAS, the townsite of Old St. Stephens is one of  
17 the most important historical and archaeological sites in  
18 Alabama; and

19 WHEREAS, the St. Stephens Historical Commission was  
20 created by an Act of the Alabama Legislature in the 1988  
21 Session; and

22 WHEREAS, unique pieces of jewelry have been crafted  
23 from authentic ceramics that represent the earliest history of  
24 St. Stephens; and

25 WHEREAS, these ceramics were not unearthed from an  
26 archaeological excavation but were scattered over a wide area  
27 during a mining operation many years ago; and

1                   WHEREAS, proceeds from the sale of this jewelry go  
2 directly to the preservation of the St. Stephens site; now  
3 therefore,

4                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That commendations are conveyed to  
6 the creators of these unique pieces of jewelry from the  
7 historic site of St. Stephens, along with highest tribute and  
8 deepest appreciation to those responsible for this worthy  
9 project which benefits the preservation of a revered landmark  
10 in the State of Alabama, and we further direct that a copy of  
11 this resolution be provided to the St. Stephens Historical  
12 Commission.